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The Showman store advertises a sale on Overcoats this month.

O'Grady Bros. are putting on an attractive Overcoat sale during the month of January. See "ad" in this issue.

Miss Irene Lane returned the first of the week from a vacation and visit with friends in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Miller of Jackson who has been a guest at the home of her son Frank departed for her home the latter part of the week.

Members of the O. E. S. will give a "Kitchen Shower" for Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Burhans at the B. L. Breed home this evening.

Lieutenant Robert Dillon has finished his course at Camp Sill, Oklahoma and is home on a ten days furlough. He will report at Camp Custer at the expiration of that time.

Mr. Brown, clerk at the Cooley and Co. store is confined to his home this week on account of illness. His son was very ill the first of the week at the home of Harvey Cooley.

Father Clarkson was in Detroit yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Bishop Foley. Bells tolled from every catholic church in the land at High Noon in honor of the memory of the distinguished Bishop.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cole of Toledo, Ohio, on January sixth, a nine pound boy. The youngster has been named Lorell Allen. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole on North Gremps street, this city.

A little daughter, Grace Harriet, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cole on Sunday. Mr. Cole is a nurse at the State hospital in Kalamazoo but is spending a few weeks with his wife at the home of her father E. E. Cornell.

Robert Dunnington received a fine six pound salmon at Christmas time, gift from his son Arthur in Ellensburg, Washington. Arthur has quit school teaching and is now on a big ranch there. He expects to visit his old home next year.

E. D. Johnson, Master of the local Grange announces that on account of the County Grange meeting at Lawrence, January 19th, the next meeting of the Paw Paw Grange will be held Saturday, February 2nd. At that time the new officers will be installed, and dinner will be served at 12:30.

The Red Cross drive in Paw Paw last Saturday netted the sum of \$750.00. There are some who did not join and who would undoubtedly like to do so. Additional names with membership fee of \$1.00 can be handed in to the secretary, Miss Ola Killefer. It should be done at once however, before reports are made. The complete report for the entire county will be available for publication next week.

Mrs. M. B. Ferry of Lansing will address the ladies of the Coterie club at the next meeting January 16th. The girls chorus of the high school under the direction of Miss Brunstead will furnish the music in costume of "ye olden time," as furnished by Mrs. Ferry. Chairman Miss Mary O'Grady. Visitors are welcome on payment of the regular guest fee. All members are urged to be present to assist in a hearty welcome for the speaker, Mrs. Ferry.

The annual meeting of the directors of the First National Bank was held in the bank parlors on Tuesday afternoon and the following directors elected:—E. F. Parks, T. J. Cavanaugh, J. C. Maxwell, W. H. Longwell and E. H. Davis. The new board of directors elected the following officers:—E. F. Parks, president; W. H. Longwell, cashier. The continued illness of H. M. Olney of Hartford, former president of this bank, necessitates his retirement from all active duties, and Mr. Parks is promoted to this position and Mr. Longwell moves up a step to Mr. Parks' former position. E. H. Davis of Paw Paw also takes Mr. Olney's place on the Board of Directors. An attractive half page announcement of The First National Bank appears on page three of this issue.

Mrs. Jane Hutchins is on the sick list.

Miss Virginia Roach of South Bend was the guest of her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Broughton last week.

Eber Bennett returned to Camp Custer last Saturday after a short furlough spent with his mother Mrs. Martha Bennett.

The Friday club will be entertained by Mrs. Emma Smith this afternoon at the home of her son, Paul Smith and wife on North Gremps street.

Master Allen and Miss Charlotte Young returned home last Friday after spending their vacation with Grand Pa and Grand Ma Young on their farm near Decatur.

Any one having turkeys to sell, are requested to call on Jake Riedl, chairman of the losing committee in the Odd Fellows contest. He wishes to purchase one dozen fat turkeys.

There will be a "Shadow Social" at the M. W. A. hall in Glendale Saturday evening, January 19th, under the auspices of the Royal Neighbors. There will be a short entertainment, and supper. Everybody is invited and all are requested to bring.

The Board of Supervisors usually meet on the first Monday in January, and there was a general impression that such would be the case this year. But at the October session, an adjournment was taken until the second Monday. They will be in session next week.

On account of defective heating plant in the School building, it was necessary to hold school in various rooms throughout the village, and the high school scholars and teachers adjourned to the Court House, where the Court Room, Supervisors' Room and halls were used for school.

The Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen held their installation of officers in Memorial Hall Thursday evening. The four installing officers were from Lawrence. A fine program was enjoyed, and light refreshments were served. The next meeting of the Royal Neighbors will be at the home of Mrs. Bertha Loveland on the third Tuesday evening of this month.

Circuit Court for Van Buren county will convene next week, with a calendar of 84 cases divided as follows:—Criminal, 6; Issues of Fact, 23; Chancery, 55. Also 14 cases in which no progress has been made for one year. Of the 55 chancery cases, 31 are bills for divorce. The jury will not report until the second week of the term, the first week being devoted to the disposition of chancery cases.

Ovid C. Cook, who was injured by the explosion of a compressed air tank while in the employ of the K. L. S. and C. Ry here some nine weeks ago passed away at Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo last Sunday. Pieces of the tank were blown into his body by the explosion and a second operation was necessary, which he could not withstand. He was twenty-five years of age, a resident of Kalamazoo and is survived by a widow and baby.

Hon. James G. Tucker, of Mt. Clemens, was in Paw Paw on Thursday, January 3rd, in the interest of a case which was heard before him sometime ago. He informs us that he finishes up all cases which were heard before him and not finally settled. Judge Tucker has been sent here on several occasions to hear cases in the absence of Judge Des Voignes, and has made many friends among the attorneys and officers at the Court House.

Our neighboring village of Lawrence suffered a second disastrous fire of the week last Friday morning when the J. M. Ridlon residence burned to the ground with all its contents. The fire occurred at two o'clock in the morning, and the occupants of the house barely escaped, some of them with only their night clothing. The building was the home of Mrs. Ridlon and her daughter Mrs. S. M. Hess and family. Mr. Hess was clerk of the village, and all the records of that office were lost with the other contents. The fire is supposed to have originated from an oil stove which had been left burning in an upper room to keep the plants from freezing. The residence was one of the finest in the village, and was erected in the year 1870. The interior had been recently re-decorated and wired for electricity. The loss is a heavy one for Mr. Hess and family.

Leland B. Gorton is in Chicago this week.

Hubert Durkee of Lawton was in Paw Paw on business Wednesday.

Dr. Vern Van Fossen was in Chicago last week the guest of Mrs. G. W. Haskins and daughters.

The ladies and gentlemen of the Presbyterian club will meet at the home of Mrs. Louise Thayer on Thursday evening, January 17th.

The fire department was called to the Lyle Roberts home early Sunday morning. A defective chimney caused a blaze which fortunately was extinguished with but little loss.

Mrs. Clara Harrett who has been critically ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks is much improved, and her friends hope to see her up and around again.

A. N. Lane and family west of town have been entertaining a sister, Mrs. A. K. Havens of Battle Creek and a brother G. B. Lane and family of Friendship, New York.

The date for the annual Firemen's dance is announced for Thursday evening, February 7th. Fischer's orchestra will furnish music, and Baxter has been secured to call for square dances.

We wish to call attention to the scholarly address of one of our Paw Paw boys, Cyril Bailey, which was delivered before the ladies of the Coterie at a recent meeting, and which is published in full on page two of this issue.

Harry Nash of Lawton called on some of his Paw Paw friends last Saturday afternoon. Harry is now superintendent of the J. Hungerford Smith Grape Juice plant, and expresses himself as being well pleased with the position.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clark has returned from a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Osterhout in Battle Creek. She called on Mrs. M. P. Allen at the hospital frequently, and reports her improving slowly, but not able to sit up yet.

The Brassert farm south of town, including the stock and tools has been sold to Harry den Bleyker of Kalamazoo. Mr. denBleyker is one of the prominent men of Kalamazoo. He was at one time cashier of the Kalamazoo National Bank, and is at present one of the directors of the institution. It is hoped that he may decide to come here and reside at least a part of the year. This community would extend to him a cordial welcome.

W. C. Goodman of Toledo, Ohio is now associated with Riede and Baxter and will spend some time in Paw Paw in the Sellick store. Reide and Baxter have bought the Durkee stock at Decatur, and will open the store there next Wednesday. Another stock of goods will be sent to Paw Paw at the Sellick store which will continue with C. E. Mather in charge. Charley has been engaged in the mercantile business in Paw Paw now for over thirty-five years, the last five years of which have been in the store which he now assumes the management of.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Van Buren county Farmers' Mutual Insurance company was held Tuesday A. M. The board of directors now consists of six members instead of four as formerly and are as follows:—John Marshall and Isaac Monroe, elected for two years to succeed themselves; E. J. Dayton elected for one year to fill the unexpired term of S. A. Breed, resigned; E. L. Keasey of South Haven and John R. Cook of Lawrence, new members elected for two years; C. B. Charles of Bangor, whose term expires next year. The officers of the company are elected every two years, and their terms expire next year.

There seems to have been some discrepancy in the dates on which an Income tax expert from the Revenue Collector's office would be in Van Buren county, as reported in the various newspapers about the county. The dates announced through the columns of The True Northerner in a recent issue are correct. The expert will be at the Court House in Paw Paw February 2 to 15th, inclusive and in South Haven the balance of the month. The purpose of his visit is to assist every one, who wants assistance in the preparation of the Income Tax report, which must be made on or before March 1st.

Margaret Cooley is quite ill with chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cross are spending the week with relatives in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Van Vleck entertained his parents, who reside at Lawton on Sunday.

A Box social is announced for the Odd Fellow hall in Almena on Thursday evening of next week. Every one cordially invited.

All "Past Masters" of the I. O. O. F. are asked to remember the turkey banquet at the hall on Friday evening, January 18th.

Jake Reidl and family are in Chicago this week, accompanying the remains of his mother to that city last Sunday. They are expected home tomorrow.

A card from Frank Shaefer requests address of The True Northerner changed to French, New Mexico. He adds, "All well out on a ranch on prairie about one mile from nearest neighbor."

C. C. Duryea and family returned to Cadillac last Saturday after spending a vacation with relatives and friends in Paw Paw. Charley is a brakeman on the G. R. and I. Ry and runs from Cadillac to Mackinaw City.

Mrs. Riedl, the aged mother of our townsman, Jake Reidl, passed away at his home last Friday night. The remains were taken to Chicago Sunday for burial, and the funeral held in that city on Monday.

The True Northerner acknowledges receipt of the 49th, annual edition of the "San Diego Union" a newspaper published in San Diego, California, sent us by Wm. Rickerson of that city. It contains so many pages that we have been unable to count them yet. Many thanks, Will, do it again.

We regret to announce that County Agent T. A. Farrand is about to resign his position as Farm Agent for Van Buren county. He will devote his time to the management of his own farm interests in Eaton county. It is not known yet who will succeed Mr. Farrand, but one thing is sure and that is it will be extremely difficult to find a man who will take his place and give as excellent satisfaction in every particular. He was the right man in the right place.

Superintendent Kaye of the local schools is to be congratulated on his success in getting the school organized for work after the accident to the furnace last Monday morning. Before the day was over, he had all departments of the school in good working order in various places about the village, and work progressing as usual. Otherwise the week would have been lost. Mr. Kaye is a real "Live Wire" in school work, and just the right man in the place he is now filling. Patrons of the school in general are hoping that he may be retained in his present capacity for next year.

Manager Reeves of the Idle Hour theatre has made a brave struggle to continue his schedule of splendid features during the winter. Lack of attendance however has compelled him to cut down the number of nights. Next Wednesday there will be programs on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday nights. After that on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday nights of next week, the celebrated film Draft No. 258 will be shown. This feature is a sequel to "The Slacker" and is drawing packed houses where shown in the big cities. It is one of the best features of the year. The efforts of Mr. Reeves and the quality of features he is showing are worthy of encouragement and liberal patronage.

School resumed Monday morning after the annual Holiday vacation period. The opening at this time was marred by the breaking down of the heating plant on Monday morning and classes are being held during the week in the Court House and Baptist church, the high school being transferred to the former and the grades not otherwise housed in the "Annex" being in the latter. It is hoped that the necessary supplies may be installed before the beginning of next week as the beginning of the winter season of Court comes at that time and this will make the Court House unavailable for further use. An additional recess at this time would be especially detrimental as the final weeks of the first semester are now in progress with the accompanying reviews.

John Toumey of Lawrence was in Paw Paw Thursday.

Dallas Ferris of Lawrence was in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Miss Polly Amsterberg departed Friday for an indefinite visit with her sisters at Homer, Michigan.

C. S. Sutton of Lawrence who is well known here suffered a stroke of paralysis recently and is in a critical condition.

Mrs. Herbert Geddes left last Monday for Valparaiso, Indiana for a two weeks visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Darby and family.

The past week has been real winter, with heavy snow storms. Snow in this locality now covers the ground to a depth of nearly two feet.

The "Questionnaires" are now all mailed out. This work has made an enormous amount of detail for the county clerk's office to dispose of.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Johnson on December 31st, a baby girl, which tipped the scales at eight pounds. The little Miss has been named Eva Ihlene. Grand Pa and Grand Ma are all smiles as this is the first Johnson baby in the family.

We publish in this issue on page four, a story prepared in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue which will be of assistance especially to farmers in understanding the Income Tax law as it applies to them. Not a single reader of this paper should fail to read it.

A new duty has been added to the long list that County Clerk Royal Decker has to perform. He has been appointed County Licensing officer for the enforcement of the new Federal Explosives Regulation act. No matter how numerous his duties, County Clerk Decker is able to get away with them all in a most highly satisfactory manner.

Robert McGuire had the misfortune to lose his house and contents by fire last Friday at 11:00 morning. Mr. McGuire's arms were badly burned in trying to save some of the furnishings. Mr. Elliott, a neighbor moving to Kalamazoo, offered them the use of his house for the winter. They have the sympathy of the entire community as they have six small children. Neighbors have loaned them furniture etc. They carried insurance in the Cass County company.

Through the efforts of Mayor Glenn E. Warner, and the patriotic generosity of H. D. Swayze, manager of the K. L. S. and C. Ry, a car load of coal was turned over by the railroad the first of the week, and distributed about the village, a half ton in a place. The distribution was made through Free and Mutchler. The fuel situation is mighty serious, and many families of the village do not know where the next days coal is coming from.

At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Paw Paw Savings Bank held in the bank parlors last Tuesday the following directors were elected for the ensuing year. Charles R. Morrison, Thomas Woodman, Reuben Allen, E. J. Dayton, Howard E. Allen, David Anderson and Glenn E. Warner. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, the following officers were elected:—Glenn E. Warner, president; David Anderson, vice president; J. B. Warner, cashier; Bennett McKinstry, assistant cashier; Miss Esther Stevenson, book keeper. Mr. McKinstry moving up to the position formerly held by J. B. Warner.

The remains of John H. Charles, a former resident and business man of Paw Paw, were brought here for burial on Wednesday. He died at the home of his daughter in Indianapolis Indiana after a long period of failing health. He leaves four children, two sons Fred Charles and Dr. Henry L. Charles and two daughters, Mrs. Earl Bangs of Paw Paw and a daughter in Indianapolis with whom he had made his home for some time. Mrs. Charles passed away before he moved from Paw Paw. All the members of the family were here for the last service except, the daughter in Indianapolis, who was unable to come. Her husband however was here. Mr. Charles was a member of Alexandria Lodge F. and A. M. and at their request, the burial service was in charge of Paw Paw lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. of which he was at one time a member. The remains arrived Wednesday evening and were laid to rest Thursday morning in Prospect cemetery.

Mrs. Charles Davis and son Ed were Kalamazoo visitors Saturday.

Dale Harrison is home on a vacation. He is looking and feeling fine, but says he needs a rest.

The Klatter Klub were entertained at the home of Mrs. Blaine Warner Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Fuller of Lawrence was the guest of Mrs. A. O. Duncombe the latter part of last week.

Claire McGowan has returned to his school work at Walbridge, Ohio after spending a vacation at home with his parents.

Mrs. A. O. Duncombe was hostess last Friday evening to the ladies of the Maids and Matrons club. As usual a fine time was enjoyed.

Ed Skelton of Lawrence was found dead in his bed at his home in that village early this week. He was an adopted son of the late Dr. Haskins.

Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson and family returned home last Monday after spending the holidays with her brother L. H. Harrison and family in Charlestown, West Virginia.

Miss Vera Squier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Squier has returned to South Haven to resume her duties as teacher in the schools after spending the vacation at home.

Dr. W. F. Hoyt and wife are expected home next Monday from a holiday vacation trip to Boston, where they visited at the home of Mrs. Hoyt's son Ward Bartram and family.

J. E. Packer was given a pleasant surprise on Thursday when his children dropped in to spend the day under the parental roof. Following are those who came to gladden the fathers heart and make "Life worth Living." Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Packer of Lawton; Mrs. Ira Spaulding of Hartford; Mrs. Harry Snow of Kalamazoo and Miss Elva Packer of this city.

The Extension Division of the M. A. C. in connection with the Farm Bureau and County Agricultural agent of Van Buren county will hold several Agricultural schools throughout the county during the winter. The first will be at Gobleville January 14 and 15th. The second at Lacota January 16 and 17th, and the third at South Haven January 18 and 19th. The balance of the schedule will be given in these columns next week. It is hoped that a large number of farmers will be in attendance at each meeting.

The installation of officers of the L. O. T. M. will take place Monday evening, January 14th. The services of Past Great Commander Rachel A. Bailey has been secured as installing officer for this occasion. Mrs. Bailey has been requested to give an address on some topic which may be interesting to women and the public is cordially invited. The following officers are expected to be installed:—Corra Waters, Great Miss at Arms; Alice Smith, Com; Alice Simmons, fr. Com; Marie Colburn, Lieutenant; Viola Summey, Finance-Keeper; Nellie Bailey, Record Keeper; Helen Stephenson, Chaplain; Lelia Pepper, Sergeant; Edna Wilson, Miss at Arms; Nora Raymond, Sentinel; Rose Free, Picket; Winnie Taylor, Pianist.

Miss Catherine Maxwell, sister of Dr. J. C. Maxwell of this village passed away at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago last Sunday night. Her death came as a great shock to her family and friends. She was Dean of Women and instructor in history in the state Normal at Marquette, Michigan, where she has been for many years. She had not been in robust health for several years, and was given a leave of absence at holiday time, until the spring. After spending the holidays with the members of her family here, she went to Chicago for treatment, and passed away as stated. Dr. Maxwell was called there Sunday morning and reached her bedside before she passed away. Miss Maxwell had visited in Paw Paw many times and had many warm friends here. She was a graduate of Normal, the University of Michigan and had taken advanced courses abroad. She was a noble woman whose life was dedicated to the instruction and upbuilding of others. She leaves three brothers, J. C. Maxwell of this village, Dr. J. E. Maxwell of Decatur, one brother in the West, and two sisters, Mrs. Otis Gould of Lawrence township and Mrs. Jacob Knolls of Hamilton township. All were present at the funeral which was held in Decatur on Thursday.

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